

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called the Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 PM.
 - A. Mark Jones from Columbus First Christian Church offered the **Opening Prayer**.
 - B. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led after the presentation of colors from the Police and Fire Honor Guard.
 - C. **Introduction of Pages** – Louisa Varo is a 6th grader at ABC Stewart School and Betsy Kim is a 6th grader at St. Bartholomew Elementary School
 - D. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, and August Tindell. Absent: Martha Myers.
- II. **Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action** **NONE**
- III. **New Business Requiring Council Action** **NONE**
- IV. **GOD BLESS AMERICA** **Performed by Harvey Leggett, Jr.**
- V. **THE MAYOR’S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:** Mayor Fred L. Armstrong reviewed the work of city departments for the year 2001 and reviewed goals for the year 2002. His speech emphasized the community partnerships that has made Columbus such a successful community. He honored former mayors Max Andress, Nancy Ann Brown, and Bob Stewart and their successful work using community partnerships. Also honored were Police, Fire, Medic, and Military Personnel from our community. Several other were recognized in the community for business, industry, education, and social services work.
- VI. **Other Business**
 - A. Next Scheduled meeting: February 19, 2002
 - B. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer